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## ELF Fundraising Campaign Reaches Goal

The *Blooms of Enlightenment* ("Blooms") Fundraising Campaign is completed. In late 2002, the Eules Library Foundation commissioned our largest art project to date at a cost of \$124,000: the hand-blown glass artwork known as *Blooms of Enlightenment*.

Since launching this project, we have hosted three Casino Night fundraisers, conducted a special *Blooms* Campaign for which donors could select a recognition level for permanent display, and various other events targeted at soliciting support for *Blooms*.



David Keens at work on a *Blooms* roundel at the UTA studio.

In our last newsletter, we announced that we were near our goal. With donations from a few additional supporters, including the City of Eules, we are pleased to announce that we have raised more than \$40,000 specifically designated for *Blooms* plus over \$85,000 through various fundraisers since embarking on this project in December 2002. We have reached our goal!

When *Blooms* is installed this summer, all funds have been raised to make the final payment. We wish to thank everyone who supported these efforts. Without your generous support, this would not have been possible.

Eules Library Foundation operating expenses including publication and distribution of the *ELF Insider* are covered by Foundation membership fees separate from our fundraisers and art donations.

Installation will begin soon. Mark August 13-14, 2005 on your calendar for a public dedication of *Blooms* at the Eules Public Library.

## Author Event Planned for Fall 2005

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12, 2005. The Eules Library Foundation will host an author event with a well-known Texas author as the guest speaker.

This event will include a dinner as well as a chance for you to get an autographed copy of the author's latest book.

More details will be available in the coming months but you won't want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!

Here's a hint -- ELF Gets Kinky!

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## Upcoming Events

ELF Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, May 12, 2005  
7:00 p.m. at Euless Public Library  
All ELF members invited.



ELF Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, June 16, 2005  
7:00 p.m. at Euless Public Library



Dedication - *Blooms of Enlightenment*  
August 2005  
Details available in June



Master Works Series  
see calendar on page 4

Check the ELF website at  
[www.eulesslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.eulesslibraryfoundation.org) for a  
complete list of all scheduled meetings.  
Dates are subject to change.

## ELF Insider

We hope you enjoy this issue of the ELF Insider, a newsletter for Euless Library Foundation members. Our plans are to keep you up-to-date on the programs and activities of the Euless Library Foundation on a regular basis and let you know how you can become involved in helping us support the entire Euless community. We welcome your feedback. Visit our website at [www.eulesslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.eulesslibraryfoundation.org), send us an email at [admin@eulesslibraryfoundation.org](mailto:admin@eulesslibraryfoundation.org), or contact us through the library at 817-685-1679.

## *Blooms of Enlightenment - The WOW Factor*

WOW! That was the reaction of everyone who visited the University of Texas Arlington ("UTA") glass-blowing studio during March and April. On several occasions donors and supporters of the Euless Library Foundation and the Library took the opportunity to see *Blooms of Enlightenment* ("Blooms") roundels being created right before their eyes. About 20 people, including City of Euless Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, ELF President Diane Porterfield and Library Administrator JoAnn Rogers, visited the studio in early March to



watch the scenes you see pictured here.

With a team of students who work in perfect harmony, artist David Keens demonstrated what a synchronized team can create. Roundel #21 - the largest of the roundels - took shape in front of us. And other roundels created previously are being stored in preparation for installation this summer.

These pictures give you a brief glimpse of what we saw on our visit. More photos will be posted on our web site at [www.eulesslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.eulesslibraryfoundation.org).

The work is hot with temperatures hitting 1200 degrees; it's tedious because things need to be done when the glass is at the right temperature and not a second later. Yet everything runs like clockwork



with each team member knowing what needs to be done and when it's their turn to do their part. Team members are always ready to help should they need to jump in at any point.

From a small bit of molten glass, we watched this team create a 36" roundel with beautiful, vibrant colors that should glisten in the sunlight when *Blooms* is installed in the Library later this summer. If you missed the studio tour, don't miss seeing *Blooms*.

## The President's Corner

by Diane Porterfield, President  
**Excitement is in the air...**

*Blooms of Enlightenment!!!* Just a couple of months now before our much-anticipated art project will be installed. Artist David Keens and team are working diligently for completion and installation this summer.



The Eules Library Foundation plans a formal dedication in the Library the weekend of August 12, 2005. Look for postings in the library and on the Eules Library Foundation web site prior to that date and come celebrate with us.

This will be a significant piece of art for the Metroplex... a one-of-a-kind, blown-glass work of art. So many of you have helped make this possible, and I know you will take pride in this unique art piece.

The ELF Board of Directors continues to excel in initiative and activity, and I am indeed honored to be a part of such dedicated volunteers.

This November, ELF will NOT host the annual Casino Night. Since funds for our current art project have been raised, we will concentrate on a different venue this year.

Mark your calendar for November 12, 2005 -- ELF will host an evening with a colorful, high-profile guest author. You will receive information at a later date regarding this event.

Catch the wave, and come ride with us!

## ELF Mission Statement

The Eules Library Foundation's mission is to enhance the visibility and growth of the Eules Public Library through the purchase of public art and the support of programs and projects that will enable the Library to become the cultural center of Eules.

## Eules Mayor Demonstrates Ikebana

Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, a First Degree Master of Ikebana, demonstrated the art of Japanese live flower arranging at ELF's quarterly meeting on March 17, 2005.



*Ikebana Master Mary Lib Saleh demonstrates the art of Japanese live flower arranging.*

"Always arrange from the back of the design if you are a [Ikebana] Master," said Mayor Saleh as she began her demonstration. There are chapters in Fort Worth and Dallas with teachers in both organizations who are certified to teach this art form.

Ikebana is a meditative art; most individuals who practice this art do so for their own enjoyment. In addition, designers who are practicing Ikebana should look at the space in which the arrangement will be used before beginning. This will determine

the type of container or vase used as well as the type and color of flowers and the design.

Mayor Saleh, a long-time supporter of the Eules Library Foundation, made six arrangements, plus one that was awarded in a prize drawing. JoAnn Rogers, Library Administrator, won the drawing for the Ikebana floral arrangement. JoAnn graciously offered the arrangement for display at the Library.

Special thanks to the Mayor for sharing this amazing talent with our community.



*Pictured: JoAnn Rogers, Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, Joy Baldwin.*

## ELF 2005 Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your ELF membership? Annual Memberships expired on December 31, 2004. ELF membership fees are used to publish this newsletter and to handle Foundation operating expenses throughout the year.

Membership Renewal fees are: Individual, \$15; Family, \$20; Corporate, \$40. Your membership includes a subscription to the *ELF Insider* newsletter. We thank you for your continued support.

## ELF Insider

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## Eules Public Library Youth Programs

The Eules Public Library provides a number of programs for the youth of our community.

**Homework Support** : The Library offers selected textbooks from HEB ISD and GCISD for library use. Databases are available from home or at the Library to help students in researching their homework. The Answer Zone lets students chat in real time with a librarian. There's a Saturday Scholars program available (every Saturday) with free tutoring sessions for elementary and junior high students.

**Annual Events include:**

**Night of 1,000 Stars** : Children and community members participate in the Great American Read Aloud.

**National Poetry Month** : Several events each April spotlight poetry.

**Children's Book Week** : This national event each November celebrates children's literature.

**After School Activities** each Tuesday offer children an opportunity to explore different places and time periods with books, videos, crafts and more. On Wednesdays, children make art projects to take home and on Thursdays, children get to relax with games, movies and puzzles.

One of the most popular activities in the Youth Program is the Library's Summer Reading Club . Each year the Eules Public Library joins the Texas Summer Reading Club . This year's theme is *Go Wild... Read!* Participants of all ages keep a time log of hours read and receive prizes along the way. Weekly programs celebrate reading and give children a chance to socialize together during the summer.

**Storytimes** and **Just for Teens** programs are also part of the Library's Youth Programs.

If you would like more information on any of these programs, contact the Eules Public Library.

## ELF Calendar

Date	Time	Type of Meeting *
May 12, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
June 16, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
July 21, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
August 2005	TBD	Dedication of Blooms of Enlightenment
August 18, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
September 15, 2005	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting and Foundation Annual Meeting, Election of Directors and Officers
October 20, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
November 12, 2005	TBD	Fall Fundraiser for ELF (watch for details)

## Master Works Music & Arts Programs 2004 - 2005 \*\*

Date	Event
May 9, 2005	Art: Barbara McFarland, Watercolor Demonstration
October 24, 2005	Music: Cello and guitarist Montana Skies
November 14, 2005	Art: Dave Kramer, Oil Demonstration
December 12, 2005	Music: In Full Swing "The Living Christmas Card"

\* Dates subject to change. Check the ELF web site at [www.euleslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.euleslibraryfoundation.org) for updated information.

\*\* All MasterWorks are held on Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Eules Public Library. For more information about the demonstrations, contact Trinity Arts Guild at 817-283-1422, Eules Public Library at 817-685-1679, Artsnet at 817-283-3406 or [www.artsnetc.org](http://www.artsnetc.org).

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## Program Committee Notes

The next major event for ELF will be the dedication this summer of *Blooms of Enlightenment*. Installation will begin in June with the dedication and presentation to the City and the Eules Public Library in early August. Check our web site and the Library later this summer for specific information. We will include additional information in the summer edition of the newsletter.

On June 16, at 6:30 p.m., ELF will host a presentation by Blue Skies Over Texas, an authorized representative of Green Mountain Energy. This environmental education presentation about how to choose an energy company will last 10 minutes with an additional five minutes for questions. By hosting this presentation for a group of 20 or more households, Blue Skies will make a \$1,000 grant to the Eules Library Foundation. We hope you will join us on Thursday, June 16 for this brief presentation. There is no cost or obligation to anyone attending this meeting.

ELF continues to support the Master Works projects at the library during the coming months. See the Events Calendar for a schedule of events.

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